

**Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Government and Community Relations Committee
November 10, 2003**

The Government and Community Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met at the Pennino Building, Suite 840B in Fairfax.

Committee members present: Jessica Burmester, Charles Fletcher, Anngie Johnson, Ben Pepper, Dave Redman

CSB staff present: Jim Thur, Ruth Gerbec

1. Meeting Called to Order

Anngie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of July Minutes

The minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Action Item Status

- CSB Video – ready in December
- Handbook – committee decided that this will be incorporated in CSB Member Handbook, but will have separate section and will be easy to “take with you” to meetings.
ACTION: Ruth will complete compiling materials
- No. Va. Roundtable –
ACTION: Dave Redman to contact Jim T. and arrange follow-up with Jim Dyke for a CSB presentation
- Federation of Civic Assns. –
ACTION: Dave Redman will contact Herb Taylor to find out about contacts at the Federation. Charles Fletcher and Ben Pepper will also work on this.
- Federation of Civic Assns. – Ruth Gerbec had contacted the President of the Assoc., Carol Hawn and gave her CSB brochures and Speakers Bureau brochures to be given out at the Sept. 18 Federation meeting.
ACTION: Ruth will follow-up with Carol Hawn.

4. Community Relations

Anngie urged Board members to contact their civic organizations, churches, neighborhood associations, etc. to request a speaking engagement at a future meeting.

5. Government Relations

- Ruth distributed an updated Board Member Elected Officials Contact List and discussed which elected officials, who do not have a Board member living in their district, need a Board member contact.
ACTION: Ruth will update the Lists after Board members volunteer for additional needed contacts
- Ruth distributed a Board Activities outline for State and Local Legislative activities.
- Ruth distributed draft VACSB Local Insert information; this was also emailed to Committee members a few days prior to the meeting.
ACTION: Ruth will have final inserts in booklets at CSB meeting and the number of copies available for Board members for all their legislative contacts
- VACSB Request for Letter to Governor –
ACTION: Ruth will draft letter for Chairman's signature
- Ben Pepper discussed the HEART Substance Abuse Parity legislation. Ruth contacted Rep. Jim Ramstad's Legislative director who reported that what is needed at this time is for persons to contact their U.S. Congressman and ask them to co-sponsor the Bill.
ACTION: Ben will discuss at Board meeting and ask Board members to contact their U. S. Congressman and ask them to co-sponsor the Bill.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Anngie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.